

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: DIGITAL ENCODING OF IMAGES OF SKIN-COVERED  
BODY PARTS  
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**RESPONSE TO NON FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Non Final Office Action dated January 7, 2009. Please note that a request for three month extension time for response to the office action, along with payment of applicable fees is submitted under separate cover.

Please also note that a terminal disclaimer is concurrently being filed relatively to this application and pending application serial No. 11/313,724 owned by the same Assignees.

In response to the above-noted Office Action, please consider the following:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

A listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS**

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.